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SUMMARY: MPLA HAS REPORTEDLY KILLED AND CAPTURED SOUTH AFRICANS  
FIGHTING WITH FNLA/UNITA. PORTUGUESE FORCES SAID TO HAVE  
RENDERED INOPERABLE MATERIAL THEY LEFT IN ANGOLA. NETO BLASTED  
AFRICANS AND UN FOR NOT CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA ZAIRE. END  
SUMMARY.

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1. MILITARY: COMMUNIST-LINING "O SEculo" NOV 25 CARRIED REPORT FROM YUGOSLAVIA NEWS AGENCY TANJUG THAT MPLA HAD STOPPED FNLA/UNITA ADVANCE 20 KM FROM QUIBALA, SOUTHEAST OF LUANDA, WHILE FNLA/UNITA CONTINUED TO ADVANCE ON NORTHERN FRONT. REPORT ADDED THAT MPLA HOPED TO HALT FNLA/UNITA IN NORTH BEFORE THEY COULD THREATEN LUANDA-MALANJE RAILWAY; THAT ALL BRIDGES ON BOTH FRONTS HAD BEEN DESTROYED; THAT MPLA FORCES WERE APPROACHING NORTHERN PORT OF AMBRIZ; AND THAT FHNLA HAD LIFTED ITS BLOCKADE OF CAXITO, 40 KM NORTH OF LUANDA. COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE NOTICAS" (DN) NOV 25 REPORTED THAT MPLA, IN LAUNCHING ITS OFFENSIVE ON SOUTHERN FRONT, HAD INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES ON FNLA/UNITA, KILLING A NUMBER OF BLACK AFRICANS AND TAKING OTHER SOUTH AFRICANS PRISONER. DN ALSO REPORTED THAT MPLA HAD REPULSED AN FNLA/ZAIRIAN ARMY ATTACK ON CABINDA EARLY NOV 24.

2. DISPOSITION OF PORTUGUESE WEAPONS IN ANGOLA: IN WAKE OF EX-HIGH COMMISSIONER CARDOSO'S COMMENTS (PARA 3 REFTTEL), "JORNAL NOVO" (INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST) NOV 24 QUOTED "WELL-PLACED MILITARY SOURCE" AS STATING THAT BULK OF MATERIAL LEFT IN ANGOLA BY PORTUGUESE FORCES WAS INOPERABLE. BREECES HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM G-3 RIFLES, AND CRITICAL PARTS FROM AIRCRAFT, ARTILLERY PIECES HAD BEEN RENDERED UNUSABLE AND BOMBS HAD BEEN DEFUSED. SOURCE ADDED THAT CONSIDERABLE MILITARY MATERIAL, ALMOST ALL OF IT OBSOLETE, HAD BEEN DUMPED INTO SEA. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, PORTUGAL WITHDREW FROM ANGOLA ALL AIR FORCE REACTION UNITS, ARMORED VEHICLES, AND BARGES.

3. NETO BLASTS AFRICANS AND UN: PRESS NOV 24 CARRIED REPORT OF MPLA PRESIDENT NETO INTERVIEW WITH ALGERIAN NEWS AGENCY APS, IN WHICH NETO ACCUSED MAJORITY OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF "BETRAYING US" BY IGNORING "INVASION" OF ANGOLA BY SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAIRE. NETO ADDED: "UNTIL OAU AND UN UNQUIVOCALLY CONDEMN THE FOREIGN INVASION, WE WILL NEVER ACCEPT THE INTERVENTION OF THESE ORGANIZATION, WHO ARE EFFECTIVELY AIDING NEOCOLONIALSM IN OUR COUNTRY." CARLUCCI

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